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SUBJECT: Application of Battle Act to Cuba

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Because of recent developments relating to Cuba, the Administrator of the Mutual Defense Assistance Control (Battle) Act has determined that the present government of Cuba clearly comes within the terms of the Battle Act in that the Castro regime is under the domination of the USSR and is thus one of a "combination of nations threatening the security of the United States.

It is therefore necessary for action posts to notify governments of aid recipient countries of this determination and of the expectation of the US Government that controls over shipment of Battle Act items to the Sino-Soviet bloc will be extended to include such shipments to Cuba. This action would also be in accord with provisions of the Foreign Aid and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1963, which was signed by the President on October 23, 1962 and is the subject of a separate unclassified message.

The October 1962 edition of the Battle Act Lists will be transmitted to Foreign Service posts early in November. Since USRO/ST will handle transmittal of the lists to COCOM countries, embassies in COCOM capitals need not delay informing governments of the inclusion

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of Cuba under the terms of the Battle Act. FYI The US may also propose that COCOM take action to include Cuba as part of the Sino-Soviet bloc for COCOM purposes. END FYI. Other action posts may exercise discretion as to whether to inform aid recipient governments at once or at the time of transmittal of the revised Battle Act Lists. It is recommended, however, that governments of all aid recipients countries be informed of the inclusion of Cuba under the terms of the Battle Act not later than at such time as the revised Battle Act Lists are handed them.

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